

Computed Tomography (CT) Deemed Status Discussion Document

How are we defining “deemed status”?

If a facility has accreditation with IAC, ACR, the Joint Commission, or RadSite, the facility doesn't have to meet specified minimum standards, for example, inspection frequency, because they are substantially/essentially equivalent to rule requirements and department capacity to perform oversight.

HSQA “deemed status” example:

RCW 70.41.122 Exemption from RCW 70.41.120 for hospitals accredited by other entities

Surveys conducted on hospitals by the joint commission on the accreditation of health care organizations, the American osteopathic association, or Det Norske Veritas shall be deemed equivalent to a department survey for purposes of meeting the requirements for the survey specified in RCW [70.41.120](#) if the department determines that the applicable survey standards are substantially equivalent to its own.

WAC 246-320-016 Department responsibilities – On-site survey and complaint investigation

In 1(f) of this section, the department may: “Accept on-site surveys conducted by the Joint Commission or American Osteopathic Association as meeting the eighteen-month survey requirement in accordance with RCW [70.41.122](#).”

Discussion:

- The HSQA application of “deemed status” is the only one that we found at the department and it follows specific statutory authority.
- ORP does not have specific statutory authority to allow “deemed status”.
- ORP doesn't see any other appropriate application of “deemed status” beyond inspection frequency.
- ORP catches errors in x-ray facilities even after accreditation inspections have been done. These are primarily issues with equipment malfunction, and very important to patient and operator safety.